

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***In re* application of: William F. LEEKConf. No.  
1214

Application No.: 10/626,787

Examiner: A, Phi Dieu Tran

Filed: July 23, 2003

Art Unit: 3633

For: AUTOMATIC TAKE-UP DEVICE  
WITH INTERNAL SPRINGMail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated January 8, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for reply set at 3 months. It is being submitted within 6 months of the mailing date of said office action and is accompanied by a petition for 3 months extension of time and the requisite fee, making it a timely response.

***Petition for Extension of Time***

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 for three (3) months. The fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 is included herewith. If the enclosed amount is incorrect, the commissioner is permitted to charge any required extension and/or deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 03-4075 (Attorney Docket No. SST/1355).

***Amendments to the Application:***

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.